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MANGANESE SURVEY REPORTS 1948 PRODUCTION

The Kwangtung provincial government claims to have produced 50,000 tons of manganese ore in 1948. The greater part of the manganese ore was shipped to Japan, although when the quality was particularly good, the ore was shipped to the US. In 1937, Liaoning produced 330,000 tons of manganese ore plus a considerable amount which was shipped to Australia and the Soviet Union. During the same period, the manganese ore produced in other provinces totaled 120,000 tons.

Conditions of manganese ore production in the various provinces is as follows:

Kweichow - There are difficulties involved in the actual mining of the manganese ore, although exporting would present no difficulty. No definite production plans have been formulated.

Kwangsi - Communication and transportation conditions are more favorable to manganese production here than in Kweichow, but since the price of tungsten is very high, production of manganese ore is not as large as it should be.

Hunan - During World War I, manganese ore was obtained from Hsiang-t'an, An-hua, and Yueh-ch'uan. In recent years ore extraction has been negligible.

Kwangtung - In this province there are many ore deposits. The largest is in Chin-chou in the Pei-hai region.

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